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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/979,558

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§ 371 Date: March 18, 2002

For: DNA, DNA PROBES, AND  
METHODS FOR DETECTING  
NOVEL PSYCHROTROPHIC  
BACTERIUM (as amended)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005 ("Action"). A Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims, and consideration of the remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendments section of this paper at page 6.